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1. The importance of <sup>ex-</sup>King Zog as the only Albanian personality capable of unifying all elements among the Albanian emigres, and his value as a stabilizing factor in Albanian affairs have been stressed by Hasan Dosti, Chairman of the National Committee for Free Albania, in recent conversations.

2. Dosti has expressed concern about the reported illness of King Zog and its possible consequences. Zog's illness has been attributed, among other things, to poisoning from food and the return of an earlier duodenal condition. Dosti believes that the fact of Zog's illness and his possible death should be given study. He believes that in the absence of counter measures Zog's death would break the balancing, moderating influence which Zog now holds over all Albanian factions. In addition, in the absence of counter-measures, Zog's death would throw the major power influence to Abas Kupa with the chieftan element, including Said Kryeziu.

~~It is believed that the death of King Zog would result in a division between Northern and Southern Albania.~~ 3. While this would not constitute any immediate threat to the functioning of the National Committee for Free Albania, it would be extremely disturbing and the stage would be set for factional conflict that would be carried into any eventual liberation. It could result in a division between Northern and Southern Albania.

4. The single, most effective counter measure, in the event of Zog's death, Dosti stated, would be a regency, with the Queen Mother as President of Council.

5. Dosti stated that he believes in King Zog's power to hold all the conflicting elements of Albanian politics in line as long as he is alive, and that Zog is the best person available to act as a powerful moderating force, shrewdly capable of dealing with all factions, during whatever interval remains preceding the liberation of Albania.

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